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## REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION ACCOMPANYING REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

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Dear Sir:

In reply to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences' Decision on Request for Rehearing dated September 16, 2009, (affirming the grounds of rejection set forth in the Office Action dated April 17, 2006), please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks that accompany Applicants' Request for Continued Examination of the above-identified application.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.